

REMARKS

The Advisory Action mailed on February 24, 2004, has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Prior to this paper, claims 1-3, 7-12 and 21-22 were pending. By this paper, Applicants cancel claims 7-11 without prejudice or disclaimer. No claims are added. Thus, claims 1-3, 12 and 21-22 remain pending in the present application.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank Examiner Hawkins for indicating that claims 1-3, 12, and 21-22 are allowable.

Application Is Now In Condition For Allowance

In the Advisory Action, the amendments to claims 7-11 proffered in the January 02, 2004 reply are indicated as requiring a new search. In order to advance prosecution, Applicants cancel claims 7-11 without prejudice or disclaimer. With the cancellation of these claims, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to

Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Hawkins is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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